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downstream direction, comprising:

a vision system for imaging products on said conveyor;

a plurality of labellers downstream of said vision system, each labeller fixed above said conveyor at a different transverse position;

a processor for, responsive to an input from said vision system, determining a transverse position of a given product and sending an activation signal to one said labeller closest to said determined transverse position.

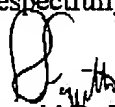
Remarks

Claim 30 has been broadened by removing the inclusion of a conveyor and instead mentioning in the preamble that the apparatus is for use with a conveyor.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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In the Claims

2. (amended) The labelling apparatus of claim [1] 30 further comprising:

a conveyor position indicator,

and wherein said processor is also responsive to said conveyor position indicator for timing sending said activation signal.

4. (amended) The labelling apparatus of claim [1] 30 wherein said each labeller is a tamping labeller.

30. (amended) Labelling apparatus for use with a conveyor for conveying products in a downstream direction, comprising:

[a conveyor for conveying products in a downstream direction;]

a vision system for imaging products on said conveyor;

a plurality of labellers downstream of said vision system, each labeller fixed above said conveyor at a different transverse position;

a processor for, responsive to an input from said vision system, determining a transverse position of a given product and sending an activation signal to one said labeller closest to said determined transverse position.